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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Trevor DOUGLAS, et al.

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Filed: December 12, 2000

For: NANOSCALE PARTICLES SYNTHESIZED WITHIN AN ASSEMBLED VIRION

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AMENDMENT and REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the non-final Office Action dated September 9, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as set forth below.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 22 and 25 to read as follows:

C1 22. (Amended) The virion-constrained nanoparticle according to claim 21, wherein said nanoparticle of non-viral origin comprises an organic material.

C2 25. (Amended) The virion constrained nanoparticle according to claim 21, wherein said virion constrained nanoparticle comprises particles having dimensions substantially in the nanometer range and which comprise a collection of atoms and/or molecules ranging in number from 1 to the number that can fit inside the volume of the selected virion whereby the maximum